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S.B. No. 965

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the consequences of a criminal conviction on a person's eligibility for an occupational license.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 53.021(a-1), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a-1) Subsections (a)(1), (3), and (4) do [Subsection (a) does] not apply to a person who has been convicted only of an offense punishable as a Class C misdemeanor, and Subsection (a)(2) does not apply to a person who has been convicted only of an offense punishable as a Class B or C misdemeanor, unless:

(1) the person is an applicant for or the holder of a license that authorizes the person to possess a firearm; and

(2) the offense for which the person was convicted is a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence as that term is defined by 18 U.S.C. Section 921.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to an application for, or a disciplinary proceeding regarding, a license or other authorization that is pending with a licensing authority on the effective date of this Act or an application filed or a disciplinary proceeding commenced on or after that date.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.